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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

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TAGS: MOPS, PBOR, SA

SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO ARAB/ISRAELI FIGHTING

1. LARGEST HEADLINES GIVEN JORDAN'S DECISION SEND TROOPS TO SYRIA: JORDAN DISCHARGES ITS SACRED DUTY - JORDANIAN ARMY IS FIGHTING ON SYRIAN FRONT. ADDITIONAL HEADLINES PREDICTABLY REPORT NEW ARAB VICTORIES: CORRESPONDENTS WITNESS SURRENDER 37 ZIONISTS AFTER FALL LAST OUTPOST IN SINAI - ARAB FORCES SUCCESSFUL YESTERDAY IN CHECKING ENEMY ATTACKS AND COMPELLING THEM RETREAT - 19 ENEMY PLANES DOWNED ON SYRIAN FRONT AND 16 IN SINAI. UGANDAN PRESIDENT AMIN'S SUDDEN VISIT TO KING FAISAL ALSO GIVEN PROMINENT FRONT PAGE COVERAGE WITH PHOTOS OF MEETING (NO DETAILS GIVEN).

2. LOCAL MEDIA HAVE NOT CARRIED ARAB ALLEGATIONS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICAN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN FIGHTING AND PARTICULARLY FALSE STORY OF PHANTOM WITH USAF MARKINGS, PILOTED BY AMERICAN, SHOT DOWN OVER DAMASCUS.

3. ONLY SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL COMMENT APPEARED IN
AL NADWA UNDER HEADING GOD IS WITH US... THE ARABS
CONFIDENT IN GOD'S VICTORY. PAPER WENT ON TO SAY:
"DURING THIS SACRED WAR BETWEEN THE MOSLEM ARAB ARMY
AND THE 'CRUSADER FORCES,' A DEBATE IS TAKING PLACE
AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL OVER WHETHER THE WAR OF
DEFENDING OUR HONOR AND LANDS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
AS AN AGGRESSION OR A LEGITIMATE RIGHT... THOSE WHO
TURN CONCEPTIONS UPSIDE DOWN, CONSIDER OUR HOLY WAR
AS AN AGGRESSION, AND SUGGEST THAT OUR TRUE-BELIEVING
SOLDIERS SHOULD RETURN TO THE PRE-OCTOBER 6TH LINES,
ARE ONLY CHEATING THEMSELVES BECAUSE THEY KNOW MORE
THAN ANYONE ELSE THAT RIGHTEOUSNESS IS ON OUR SIDE...
IT IS THE ZIONIST PRESSURE WHICH IS PLAYING ITS
TRADITIONAL ROLE WITH THOSE POLITICIANS WHO RECOGNIZE
WHAT IS RIGHT BUT OVERLOOK IT."
HORAN

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